

September 10, 1980
A modest California hideaway

Dear Mr. Horton,

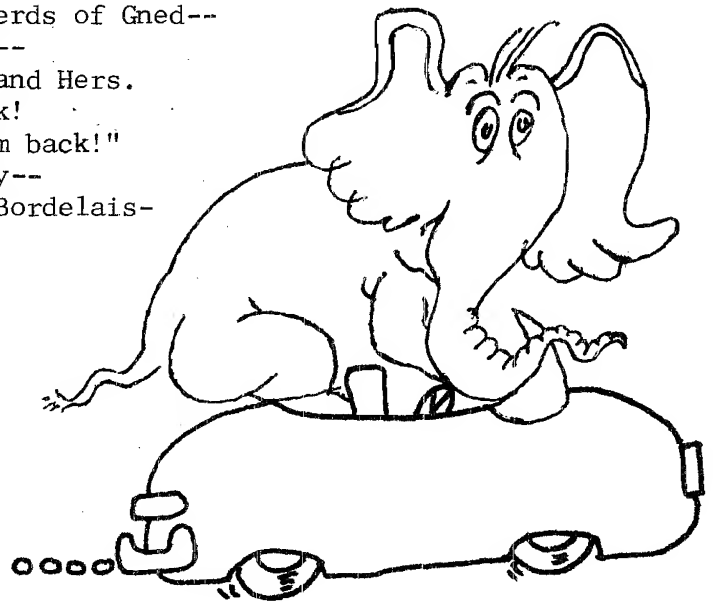
Being, as you know, a long time Claw & Fang subscriber, and, as you know, having named one of my most popular characters in your honor, I had resisted the temptation to participate in your Demonstration Game by Famous Writers. As I only write children's books, I felt my work would be out of place in a zine for intelligent adults. Then I observed a face-to-face game, complete with temper tantrums and name calling. Then I started reading the letter columns from some of the more popular zines....Enclosed is my contribution.

Sincerely,

/s/ Theo Geisel

Analysis of Demonstration Game 1979CT
Chapter 13 -- How the Grinch Stole Cusack -- by Dr. Seuss

In the village of Claw, in the land of the Fang,
The door of the mailbox was closed with a clang.
Verhorton came running, shuffling his hooves--
Today was the day he expected the moves!
And Farkle the Markle, and Bissel the bee,
Cried "Tell us, please tell us, what's up with CT?"
Verhorton was dumbstruck--"Alas and alack--
My Czarcusack's gone and I must get him back!"
But Farkle cried "Nonsense, the game must go on!"
So just use a standby, forget him--he's gone."
"Nay nay" said Verhorton, while starting his car--
"For a player's a player, no matter how far."
The trustworthy elephant thought the thing through--
"I'll go see the Helpmate, she'll know what to do!"
So over the country our brave hero sped,
Through Fiddlefern forests and great herds of Gned--
And so to the Helpmate, all covered in furs--
With matching Ferraris she called His and Hers.
"Oh Helpmate, please help me, Alas and Alack!"
My Czarcusack's gone and I must get him back!"
"I really should help you; but no, not today--
I'm getting quite schnockered on fine Bordelais--
Go see the Walker Bird, he's full of class,
Now, if you'll excuse me--or, care for
a glass?"
"No thank you--my Russia seems lost in the
snow--
And a player's a player wherever they go."



He went to the Walker Bird (who, we should mention,
Had recently been to Detroit's big convention.
His eyes and his nose were a fierce shade of red,
an inflatable pachyderm sat on his head.)

(continued overleaf)

Good Summer and Fall 1908. Draw proposed again.

France retreats Army Tyo-MUM, Italy retreats f Lyo-TUS.

England (Fields): A LVN S A War-Mos, A STP S A War-mos,
A ~~SIL-Gal~~, A War-MOS, F BAL Holds, F BAR Holds, F NTH Holds,
F IRI S FRA F Bre-Mid, F NWG Holds.

France (Tuharsky): A BOH S Eng A Sil-Gal, A Gal-Ukr
(R-Mar, OTB), A Gas-BUR, A MUN-Tyo, F BRE-Mid, F LYO-Tyn,
F MID-Wes, F SPA(SC) S F Mid-Wes.

Germany (CD): A Mos Holds (D&E).

Italy (sampsonCOA): A BUD S A Vie, A PIE-Mar, A TRI
S A Tyo, A TYO S A Vie, A VIE S Tur A Rum-Gal, FNAF
S F Wes, F TUS-Lyo, F WES S F Tus-Lyo.

Turkey (Rodhe): A Con-RUM, A Rum-GAL, A SEV S A Ukr,
A UKR S A Rum-Gal, F BLA C A Con-Rum, F ION-Tyn.

SUPPLYS:

England: Home, Den, Kie, Hol, Nwy, Stp, Swe, MOS (+1)
Build one.

France: Home, Bel, Ber, Mun, Par, Spa, War (even)
(If A Gal r OTH, Build one).

Italy: Home, Bud, Ser, Tri, Tun, Vie (even)

Germany: ~~Wes~~ Out.

Turkey: Home, Bul, Gre, Rum, Sev (even).
(Build one, one unit eliminated in Spring).

COA: Bernard Sampson; 123 Sixth ST; Middlesex, NJ 08846.

Press: Rome - London and Paris: If you will study
the board positions you will see that the Italio-Turk
alliance is now able to form a stalemate line. Under
house rules, we will submit standing orders to this
effect with Spring '09. Unless one of you has inten-
tions to stab the other, I urge you to cease hostilities
and vote for a T-F-I-T draw.

A four way split draw has been proposed. Please vote
with your Spring 1909 orders, which (along with Autumn
1908 and Winter 1908) are due to Ben Schilling; Apt 315;
24730 Roosevelt CT; Farmington Hills, MI 48018;
(313) 477-2334 on or before Tuesday, October 7th 1980.
Phone orders by 10PM EDT on the 6th. Of course Builds
may be conditional off the French retreat and Spring
moves on both the retreat and the Winter builds. For
your protection, please label one set in all other cases.

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He said "Czarcusacks live way up where it snows,

Where no one of any intelligence goes.

And Czarcusacks live with trappers and pelts,

You'd better forget him, go find someone else."

And before poor Verhorton could say anymore--

He found that his trunk had been slammed in the door!

But he still headed north as he jumped in his car,

For a player's a player no matter how far.

END OF CHAPTER 13

Mr Horton:

Although I don't have the time to contribute anything original to your Demonstration Game Analysis, yet I know how much it would mean to you to have at last a work of genius to publish in Claw & Fang. I am therefore enclosing an excerpt from the first draft of my novel, Ulysses (which is, as you know, the crowning achievement of modern literature).

Of course, it was not difficult for me to invent the world's greatest game half a century before Mr Calhamer. I intended to use it as the basis for the "Scylla and Charybdis" chapter, but my keen foresight revealed to me that the game's publication would eventually render my chapter intelligible. Therefore, I replaced the Diplomacy game with a discussion of Hamlet, and to this day no one has made head nor tail of this or any other section of my novel.

Sincerely,
/s/ James Joyce

--It's only Stephen, chortled Buck Mulligan, whose army is beastly dislodged.
--We're still short one player, said Mr Best shortly.
--All the world's a game, said Stephen Hero O'Dedalus, and all the men and women merely players.

--Yes, a game, said Mr Best gamely.
--I don't understand, said Haines.
--Give us a pound and we'll explain it to you, grinned Buck Mulligan.

The bridge to dominoes we cross words and scrabble in the faro and shoot craps in the loo. O hell he's a spain in the gascony but we've been th'rumania hard time together.

--Six is enough, said John Eglinton. We can let Sybil Disorder play Italy. Prettily wittily that Eglinton scruffled variouscoloured woodenblocks in his top hat. Stephen cautiously picked first. The first cautious pick went to Stephen. Cautiously did Stephen with outstretched hand make a bloody careful selection of a lightblue woodenblock, and he did so before anybody else.

There's a land called France
Where the ladies wear no pants

--I vass always der black sheap of der family, chickled Chuck Chulligan. Lend us a quid, Stephen, I've left all my munich in my other coat.

--I don't understand, said Haines, I don't understand al all.
I'll have to stab that stupid Saxon, frig it! Lice, diesease, and erehwonious seems.

--Ruhr! growled mulligansstomach as Mulligan called for a waitress. I'll have yorkshire pudding, said Mulligan, brest of turkey sandwich, and frenchfries (easy on the greece).

--I've dropped a fleet, said John Englandton.
--How the mighty have fallen, laughed Puck Bulligan.
--I'll have a gin and bitters, said Mr Best bitterly.
Fleetly he flit for the flat float. The fleet of timeback, bluedyed on the woodenfloor. His fleet, Plato's fleet, a stickofwood falling to the floorofwood. Ineluctable modality of the consubstantial omphalos. Rum ti tum ti tum, and metempsychosis, too. Flut! A stranger enters! Maybe he'd like to play Italy! Venice reigns, it pours and so

--Where's the john? asked Leopold of Belgoom.
--Right there, guffawed Muck Mollygan, pointing a rigiddigit at Eglinton (John).
--I don't understand, said Haines.
--Do you know there's someone under your table? asked Bloom.
--It's only Stephen, said Eglinton.

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Whose army is beastly dislodged. Ixum dixum ergo hirgo rum ti tum ti tum.

--Mr Bloom walked quickly down the hall and to the left. Fleet peedmont to shitserland (impissable: it must be the burgundy!)

--Who was that? asked Stephen rising with the fallen.

--I don't know, said Haines.

--Nor I, said Mr Best unknowingly.

Prrrpffrrppfff.

MUTTERINGS

'Zine Reviews by David D. Perlmutter

Before you read any further it might be wise to procure a handkerchief or something else to cry in. Got it? OK, this will be my last Mutterings for a very long time. Please calm down, c'mon dry those tears, it's not that bad. You see, gentlepersons, David "SUPERSTABBER" Perlmutter has his limits. I have run out of 'zines to review. There are other reasons, of course. They are as follows...1) I think I've taken up space in good ole CLAW & FANG too long. Let some youngster like Gary Coughlan write something.

2) My corny joke file is empty.

3) Don has stopped putting a 147 or some other number next to my sub and now writes "Life".

4) The number of letterbombs complaining about my reviews has tapered off, proving you no longer care what I say.

5) I recently got a petition signed by one hundred Oaklyn pseudonyms asking me to continue writing this.

6) I am so busy with my campaign for congress, training my brand new Doberman puppies, Adolf and Eva, trying to overthrow an African country and set up my own colonial empire, etc., that I have little time for this column.

I really am disappointed in myself. These reviews, while entertaining, were not very informative. I really found it hard to tear any bad zine apart. I kept thinking some poor guy is slaving away to put out his little product and I should have no right to criticize him. In short, I felt guilty if I found fault in any zine.

Then what is a "good" zine? Take Why Me? for example, it almost never has any articles, yet Lee Kendter Sr. is about as reliable, trustworthy, honest publisher and GM as you can get? Take Front Du Lib which is fantastic looking but Bernie Oaklyn's honesty has been called into question. The good zine is a balanced zine. That is why I like Enchain Macha so much. Consistently, it has interesting games, articles, news, letters forever and anon. Most other 'zines only have intermittent issues that strike this balance.

Lastly, it has been proven I do have a "Shining". As I predicted, Vern Schaller and Jack Masters both are publishing. Gary Coughlan is out of the running since he is moving to the Philippines. I shall publish one day. Until then this David Perlmutter riding off into the sunset. Bye.

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Subscription rate to CLAW & FANG is 45¢ per issue or six issues for \$2.50. There are only six issues left.

This issue is dedicated to the Western Diamondback Rattlesnake for no particular reason.

Rod Walker's material not in yet so I will send it out separately to the players when I receive it.

R'lyeh 4.14

9 September 1980

GM: Eric Verheiden; 200 S. Azusa Ave., #2; Azusa, CA 91702
 Phone: (213) 334-3149

1979 CT Claw & Fang Demo Invitational

Fall 1905 Government Shake-up In Russia

England (Palter): A ~~Edi-~~W~~~~, F Den-Bal, F Bal-Bot, F Hel-Den
 France (Reese): F NWG-Bar, F Nth S ENGLISH F Den-Ska?, F Spa sc-
 Por, F Mid S F Spa sc-Por, A Ber-Pru, A Mun-Ber, A Bur-Mun,
 A Kie S ENGLISH F Hel-Den
 Germany (Vagts): A Sil-War, ~~F ~~W~~~~ (a)-mid
 Italy (Ditter): A Boh-Vie, A Tri S A Boh-Vie, A Ven-Tyo,
 A Gal-Rum, A Bud S A Gal-Rum, A Ser S A Gal-Rum,
 F Aeg-Eas, F Gre-Aeg, F ~~W~~ ~~W~~ (R Gre, otb) S F Gre-Aeg
 Russia (Baker): F Bar S A Nwy, A Nwy S F Swe, F Swe S A Nwy,
 A Fin S F Swe, A Ukr-War, A ~~W~~ ~~W~~ (R Gal, otb)-Bud,
 A Rum-Bul, F Bla S A Rum-Bul, A Ank-Con, A Smy S A Ank-Con
 (Sum '05: A Gal R Ukr)
 Turkey (Marley): ~~F ~~W~~~~ (A) H

Supply Centers

England: Home, Den (4) No change
 France: Home, Kie, Mun, Bel, Hol, Spa, Ber, For (10) Build two
 Germany: ~~B~~/~~W~~, ~~B~~/~~W~~ (0) Out
 Italy: Home, Tri, Bud, Vie, Tun, Cre, Ser, Rum (10) Build one
 Russia: Home, Ank, Con, Swe, Nwy, Smy, ~~W~~/~~W~~, Bul (10) No change
 Turkey: ~~W~~/~~W~~ (0) Out

Winter 1905 and Spring 1906 orders are due on 7 October 1980.
 Ken Baker (16250 Brookford Dr., Houston, TX) takes over Russia
 from Blair Cusack, who failed to submit orders again. A Franco-
 Russian draw has been proposed, however I rather doubt if Mr. Ditter
 will be agreeable.

Thanks indeed to Scott Marley and particularly Arn Vagts
 for playing out their respective positions.

Press

Paris: Goodbye Arn. Sorry you didn't come in earlier, I think we
 could have worked something out.

Silesia: The (ex-)German ruler calls for a G-T draw, in view of
 the obvious advantage given the two players by living so close to
 one another.

Smyrna (via Moscow): Rumor has it that Azusa has only one street
 ((Not quite, Azusa is a fairly decent sized random subsection of
 northeastern LA county))

As if it isn't bad enough that you have to face the end of summer...

POIGNARD #14 -- dashed off between reading assignments by

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1979CX: GERMANS GUARD REAR, LEAVE FRONT OPEN...RUSSIANS ONLY MOVE ONE
UNIT, YET ALL THEIR ORDERS SUCCEED...POPE FLEES VATICAN...GHOST OF OLD
SUNKEN FRENCH BATTLESHIPS MIRACULOUSLY APPEARS IN BREST...AUSTRIA
SLOWLY BECOMING MAJOR FLEET POWER.

Autumn 1906: A.Aven-r-apu.

Winter 1906: I.RFeme; R.BAwar.

Spring 1907:

A.: (Jim Cassity,9): Amun-ber, Aboh-mun/b, Atyl-ven/b, AvieSAbud-tri,
Fadr-ion, AapuSAnap-rom, Ftyn-wme.

E.: (Scott Copeland,4): Fwme-tun/bdr(spas, mat, naf, otb), FbarS.
Anwy-stp/b, Fnth-h.

F.: (Jerry White, 5): Fbre-mat/u, Apie-tus, Amar-pie, Flyo-wme/b,
AburS G.Aruh-mun, Fpic-U.

G.: (Paul Sallabedra,6): Ffin-swe, Aruh-mun, AkieSFber-h/dr(bal,otb),
Fbal-den, Fbel-eng.

I.: (Clark Reynolds,2): AvenS/c Arom, AromS/cda Aven.

R.: (Gary Howe,8): Fsmv-aeg, FtunS A.Ftyn-wme, AwarSFpru,
FpruS&AsilS A.Amun-ber, AlvaS&AmossAstp-h.

/=fails, a=annihilated, b=bounces, c=cut, d=dislodged, r=retreats,
u=no such unit, B=build, R=remove, U=unordered, -h=holds.

+++PRESS+++

ITALY-GERMANY: Russia is far from cunning. He fights like a dog and
has the morals of one. He thinks feeding Italian horse meat to the
Austrian jackal will keep him off his back (or rear?) ((actually,
the rear is an unlikely place for a jackal to bite -- too fatty)).
But don't be surprised to find the jackal humping the dog before long
((so that's why it would attack the rear -- I withdraw my objection)),
At least the mule Bernie's tricks are known.

AUSTRIA-GERMANY: Du bist machtlos ebenso deine drohungen und truppen
sind.

AUSTRIA-ENGLAND: Your emissaries are always welcome, especially the nun.

DEUTSCHLAND DAILY DIARY: DATELINE BERLIN. Rumors abound throughout the
city that Germany's allies, Britain and France, are negotiating a

SURVIVAL pact with the treacherous Eastern bloc. Attempts to confirm
or deny these allegations have met with a stony silence from all
concerned. High tension grips this great city as an all-out mobilization
of all defenses of Germany has just been announced. This coming year
will either see the victory or defeat of the great German nation.
((and then again...))

((QUESTION TO PAUL: What is the purpose of the number at the bottom
of your order sheet?))

COA FOR GERMANY: 9/17/80

Paul Sallabedra

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Santa Cruz, CA 95064

ORDERS DUE 10/7/80 at 12noon for Summer 1907 and Fall 1907.

NOTE: Due to a very important Biology exam, I may not have time to
call up people who forget to send in orders. Please mail your orders
in on time!!!

NOTE ALSO: If you didn't receive a moves sheet, it was because you
didn't send in a SASE.

Country	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910
Austria	3	5	5	5	7	7	8	8	7	7	6
England	3	4	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	3	6	6	8	9	8	9	9	10	10	10
Germany	3	5	5	5	4	5	3	3	1	-	-
Italy	3	4	4	5	3	3	1	1	-	-	-
Russia	4	6	7	8	10	11	13	13	16	17	18
Turkey	3	4	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Neutral	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Austria: 1901-1907 kahan; 1908-1909 Hightower; 1910 Baker

England: 1901-1904 Crossley

France: 1901-1910 Schuetz

Germany: 1901-1903 Osmanson; 1903-1904 Baumeister; 1905-1908 Loewenstern

Italy: 1901-1907 Edwards; in Civil Disorder 1907

Russia: 1901-1908 McMillie; 1908-1910 English

Turkey: 1901-1903 Myers

Statements

Austria(Ken Baker): As a one year Austrian, I should only be allocated one or two lines. As such; I voted against the Russian win as I wanted to see if we could gain any material in this lost position. As it turned out, Larry English thwarted every move and ended the game as it should be . . . and definitely earned his spurs.

Congratulations Larry!

GM(Paul Funkenbusch): A game to make most standbys drool with envy.

Larry English inherited a very strong position from Mike McMillie. To his credit he moved decisively against the rest of the board before it could organize against him.

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Paul

9/10/80

Your GM is Uli Baumeister, 11416 Parkview Ln., WI 53130
 That's Hales Corners after the Ln. # is (414) 425-4631.
 Try not to use it that much. Every order came in by phone.
 This is POSTAL Dip. No orders on Deadline /Day.

1978 AU -- Winter 1911//Spring 1912

AUS(Schmidt): Bld F Tri, A Bud, A Vie. A Ber S FRE A Rih-Kie,
 A Mun-Boh, A Bud-Gal, A Vie & A Rum S A Bud-Gal, A Ser-Tri,
 F Tri-Adr.

ENG(Baker): F den S AUS A Ber-Kie/nso/, F Nth-Hol, F Eng S A
 Bre, F Iri S F Eng, F Nat-Mid, A Sev S AUS A Rum, A Mos S
 A Sev, A Gal S AUS A Rum/d/, ret War, Ukr, OTB, A Pru-Ber,
A Sli S AUS A Mun/ nso/, A Par S A Bre/a/, A Bre S A Par.

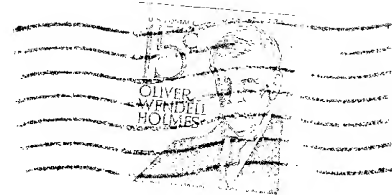
FRA(Ozog): Rem F Mar, A Ruh-Kie, A Hol-Bel, F Pic-Bre, A Gas-
 Par, A Bur S A Gas-Par, F Spa(sc) H.

ITA(Loewenstern): A Nap-Rom.

TUR(Oaklyn): A Rum ret OTB/. XX Bld F Con. F Mid H, F Naf-
 Tun, F Wes-Tyn, F Ion-Alb, A Ven-Rom, A Bul H, F Con S A
 Bul, A Arm-Sev.

Fall 1912 deadline is October 10, 1980. The E-T draw failed.
 There have been proposals for 1) EFAT draw 2) EFATI draw
 3) EAdraw. Please vote in your next set of orders. Not voting
 - YES. There was no press. Finis.

What's this? Two famous writers in
 CLAW & FANG #118. (see pages 1 & 3)
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